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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF
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Sir:

This is in response to the December 27, 1996
Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371
("Notification") (Exhibit A). The Notification states that the
Oath or Declaration of the inventors must be furnished.
Applicants transmitted to the Patent Office on March 19, 1997 an
original executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and a check
for \$130.00 in payment of a late surcharge under 37 C.F.R. §
1.492 (e). Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of
Attorney, check, and return postcard acknowledging receipt of the

same by the Patent Office on March 19, 1997 are enclosed (Exhibit B).

Fish & Neave first learned about the issued Notification in a March 21, 1997 telephone conversation between Mr. Anthony Wilson, Fish & Neave's U.S. Patent and Docket Supervisor, and Ms. Eless Reed of the PWT International Division of the Patent Office. A courtesy facsimile copy of the Notification was received by Fish & Neave on March 21, 1997 (Exhibit A). These facts are supported below by the following Exhibits C-E.

Exhibit C: a verified copy of the front of the application file-wrapper showing that the December 28, 1996 Notification of Missing Requirements was never recorded on Fish & Neave's file for the above-identified patent application;

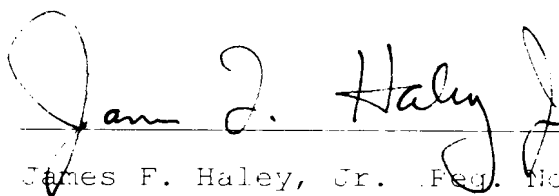
Exhibit D: a verified copy of entries from Fish & Neave's patent docketing system (PDC Master) showing that the December 27, 1996 Notification was never entered into the system; and

Exhibit E: a declaration by Mr. Anthony Wilson, the U.S. Patent and Docket Supervisor of Fish & Neave's Patent Department, stating that all correspondence from the United States Patent Office is logged

into Fish & Neave's docketing system and recorded directly onto the appropriate file-wrapper as part of the normal course of business before the correspondence is sent to the responsible attorney/agent.

Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in connection with this paper. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any additional fees due or overpayment of fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. Particularly, should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is required so as to extend the time for response to the December 27, 1997 Notification of Missing Requirements for two months up to and including March 27, 1997 or April 27, 1997, applicants authorize the fee to be charged to Deposit Account 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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